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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

　　Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, change "any of claims 1 or 2" to --claim 1--.

4. *(Amended)* An encoder according to [any of claims 1-3] claim 1, characterised in that N is equal to 2^{m}, m being a positive integer > 0.

Claim 7, line 1, change "any of claims 1 or 2" to --claim 1--.

8. *(Amended)* A decoder according to [any of claims 5-7] claim 5, characterised in that N is equal to 2^{m}, m being a positive integer > 0.

9. *(Amended)* A system for transmitting DCT transformed image or video data comprising an encoder or decorder according to [any of claims 1-8] claim 1.